

Traffic Stop Leads To Drug Arrest-Lewes

Lewes– The Delaware State Police have arrested 50-year-old **Jason R. Bender**, of Lewes, DE after a traffic stop led to the discovery of drugs.

The incident occurred on February 26, 2020 at approximately 1:46 p.m., when Troopers observed Bender, who is known to have a suspended/revoked license, operating a maroon Lincoln LS on westbound Lewes-Georgetown Highway. A traffic stop was initiated and contact was made with Bender when Troopers observed heroin baggies.

A subsequent search of the vehicle was conducted and the following was located:

- 1.652 grams of suspected heroin (236 bags)
- 2.98 grams of crystal methamphetamine
- 2.97 grams of crack cocaine
- Drug Paraphernalia
- Over \$1,000 in suspected drug proceeds

The Delaware State Police Sussex Drug Unit (SDU) and Governor's Task Force (GTF) were contacted and a search warrant for Bender's residence located in the 34000 block of Bookhammer Landing Road, Lewes, was obtained. Upon execution of this search warrant, the following was located:

- 738 baggies (approximately 5.166 grams) of heroin
- Approximately .58 grams of methamphetamine
- 6.48 grams of marijuana



Bender was taken into custody when Troopers located further drug paraphernalia concealed on his person. Bender was transported back to Troop 7 where he was charged with the

following:

- Possession With Intent To Deliver a Controlled Substance (4 counts)
- Possession With Intent To Deliver Controlled Substance Tier 3 Quantity
- Tampering With Physical Evidence
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (7 counts)
- Driving While Suspended or Revoked
- Private Use/Consumption of Marijuana

Bender was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on \$82,801 cash only bond.

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